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**SACRED HEART FATHERS**

*Fr. Jim Matthews, scj - Fr Blaise Nsangou, scj - Deacon Terry Simms*

**Please note there will be no 12 noon Mass on Saturdays until further notice.**

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| Saturday  | 05 | <b>5.00</b> pm  | Book of Remembrance. Deceased Sacred Heart Fathers. <b>5 (C)</b>         |
| Sunday    | 06 | <b>11.30 am</b> | George (died this day 1993) & Christina Colley (buried this day 2020)    |
| Monday    | 07 | 12 noon         | Florence (Anniversary) and Frank Wilson RIP                              |
| Tuesday   | 08 | 12 noon         | Roy Curran intentions. <b>DAFFODILS gratefully received in February.</b> |
| Wednesday | 09 | 12 noon         | Ron Rowan - Anniversary  |
| Thursday  | 10 | 12 noon         | Mary Thomas - Anniversary  |
| Friday    | 11 | 12 noon         | Mary & Gordon Young RIP. Ian Bradbury - Anniversary                      |
| Saturday  | 12 | <b>5.00</b> pm  | Fr Gerard Giblin, scj <b>6th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C</b>          |
| Sunday    | 13 | <b>11.30 am</b> | Joyce Hannon – B/day Rem. Martha Rattos & Ron Rowan - Anniversaries      |

**UPDATED GUIDANCE FOR THE CHURCHES.** We must move forward with caution especially mindful of the risks involved in gathering for sustained periods in enclosed spaces.

**People displaying symptoms of Covid-19 must stay at home and not participate in acts of worship.**

All parishioners **may** continue to **wear a face covering** whilst in the church building, however, this is no longer required (except in Wales). **During congregational singing face covering must be worn, unless exempt.** Formal social distancing is no longer required in church buildings however, we are urged to be sensitive to the needs and concerns of others. Holy Water stoops may be refilled. The **Sign of Peace** may be offered again if it is felt appropriate. However, **Bishop Mark** advises us to be cautious in any re-introduction of the practice of hand-shaking, as it is very difficult for a person to refuse and he fears this might become a barrier for parishioners who are vulnerable or anxious. He **suggests that the Sign of Peace may be something for us to consider re-introducing later in the year.**

**We pray for Our sick:** Margaret Runcieman, Sandra Mooney, Roy Curran, Eithne Cartwright, Teresa Grice, Marion Williams, Terry Kenny, Maureen McCumesky, Celia Meehan, Graham Hindson

**Anniversaries:** George & Christina Colley, Florence Wilson, Mary Thomas, Ian Bradbury, Fr Gerard Giblin, Joyce Hannon, Martha Rattos, Ron Rowan, Patricia Osula

**Lately Dead:** Wojciech Karpowicz, who was remembered in our Mass on Friday, the day of his funeral in Austria.

**HARRYTOWN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL** require Exam Invigilators on a casual basis.

Please see the school website for further details – [www.harrytownschool.org](http://www.harrytownschool.org)

**WALSINGHAM pilgrimage 2022** There are a couple of places available on this year's pilgrimage which is t9-13 May, 2022. If you are interested, please contact Shelagh Humphries on 07853176698.

**CHURCH HEATING update.**

Mike Mason and Fr Jim had a Zoom meeting this week with Richard Crawford - Diocese Property Manager and Alan Beningfield - Atkins Ltd. The Cathedral, St Anthony's (Wythenshawe) and Our Lady's may be just some of the churches in the diocese that have no heating just now!!!. This situation will be addressed at Diocesan level in mid February. If we get the go ahead to further investigate, we will let you know. We proposed a new heating system within the church in 2019. We have revisited that scenario with a local company a few weeks ago. Atkins will review the types of heating system to see we use the most carbon efficient. As a Listed building there will be certain criteria we need to meet.

Like the Little Donkey, we "gotta keep on plodding onwards".

**Isaiah 6:1-2,3-8** · *'Here I am: send me'*

In the year of King Uzziah's death I saw the Lord of Hosts seated on a high throne; his train filled the sanctuary; above him stood seraphs, each one with six wings. And they cried out to one another in this way, 'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of Hosts. His glory fills the whole earth.' The foundations of the threshold shook with the voice of the one who cried out, and the Temple was filled with smoke. I said: 'What a wretched state I am in! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have looked at the King, the Lord of Hosts.' Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding in his hand a live coal which he had taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. With this he touched my mouth and said: 'See now, this has touched your lips, your sin is taken away, your iniquity is purged.' Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying: 'Whom shall I send? Who will be our messenger?' I answered, 'Here I am, send me.'

**Psalms 137**      Response      *Before the angels I will bless you, O Lord.*

**1 Corinthians 15:1-11** · *I preached what the others preach, and you all believed*

Brothers, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, the gospel that you received and in which you are firmly established; because the gospel will save you only if you keep believing exactly what I preached to you – believing anything else will not lead to anything.

Well then, in the first place, I taught you what I had been taught myself, namely that Christ died for our sins, in accordance with the scriptures; that he was buried; and that he was raised to life on the third day, in accordance with the scriptures; that he appeared first to Cephas and secondly to the Twelve. Next he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died; then he appeared to James, and then to all the apostles; and last of all he appeared to me too; it was as though I was born when no one expected it.

I am the least of the apostles; in fact, since I persecuted the Church of God, I hardly deserve the name apostle; but by God's grace that is what I am, and the grace that he gave me has not been fruitless. On the contrary, I, or rather the grace of God that is with me, have worked harder than any of the others; but what matters is that I preach what they preach, and this is what you all believed.

**Alleluia, alleluia!** I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia! Jn15:15      **Luke 5:1-11** *They left everything and followed him*

Jesus was standing one day by the Lake of Gennesaret, with the crowd pressing round him listening to the word of God, when he caught sight of two boats close to the bank. The fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats – it was Simon's – and asked him to put out a little from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking he said to Simon, 'Put out into deep water and pay out your nets for a catch.' 'Master,' Simon replied, 'we worked hard all night long and caught nothing, but if you say so, I will pay out the nets.' And when they had done this they netted such a huge number of fish that their nets began to tear, so they signalled to their companions in the other boat to come and help them; when these came, they filled the two boats to sinking point. When Simon Peter saw this he fell at the knees of Jesus saying, 'Leave me, Lord; I am a sinful man.' For he and all his companions were completely overcome by the catch they had made; so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were Simon's partners. But Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on it is men you will catch.' Then, bringing their boats back to land, they left everything and followed him.

**SYNODALITY as COMMUNION, PARTICIPATION and MISSION.** In what Pope Francis calls the SYNODAL PROCESS – understood as 'walking together' – he invites us first to explore together how we live the fulness of our Christian calling, and then ask how we can do so better. The Synodal Process is a path of engagement that makes room for the Holy Spirit; style to be adopted that listens to the Spirit through the word of God, prayer and adoration. Synodality is not a majority consensus, like a parliament to guide the universal Church; a plan or a programme to be implemented by the Church.

What is under discussion at synodal gatherings are not the traditional truths of Christian doctrine. The Synod is concerned mainly with how that teaching can be lived and applied in the changing contexts of our time. On **Thursday 17 February** Fr Martin invites us to Our Lady's at 6 pm for Adoration. At 7 pm, in Our Lady's Hall, we will reflect on how we as individuals, together with a few friends, reflect on Synodality and how we respond to the Pope's invitation. Responses to Fr Jim by the end of the month.